IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

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Title:

MODIFIED VENOM AND VENOM COMPONENTS AS

ANTI-RETROVIRAL AGENTS

Atty Docket No.: 1013-3

DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.9(f)

Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop: PATENT APPLICATION P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

As the undersigned inventors, we hereby declare that we qualify as an independent inventors as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the above-identified invention.

We have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and we are under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d) or a non profit organization under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e).

We acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 C.F.R. 1.28(b).

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge and belief are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title Eighteen of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patents issuing thereon.

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY ORIGINAL UTILITY APPLICATION

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Dear Sir:

As the below-named inventors, we declare that the information given herein is true; that we believe that we are the original first and sole inventors of the invention entitled:

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which is described and claimed in the specification of the above-captioned application; that we do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of

which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a).

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

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